



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 159

LCO No. 898

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHELTON UPPER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-291 and 10-292
2 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of
3 Education concerning bidding and approval of plans and
4 specifications by the Department of Education's school facilities unit,
5 the town of Shelton may commence a project for alternative energy at
6 Shelton Upper Elementary School, Project No. 126-0081 EA/PS, and
7 shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment
8 from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved
9 by the Department of Education's school facilities unit. (1) The portion
10 of the project funded from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund as
11 administered by Connecticut Innovations, Inc. shall not be considered
12 a school building project expense; (2) the incremental costs of
13 construction not funded from said fund that are attributable to the
14 installation of alternative energy and related equipment and facilities
15 shall be fully eligible school building project costs for purposes of
16 calculating the school building project grant; (3) the wall and resulting

17 area enclosing the fuel cell, and any slab area for an emergency
18 generator, shall be excluded from standard space calculations; and (4)
19 the public request for proposals for alternative energy power sources
20 as conducted shall meet all public bidding requirements and
21 preapproval of plans and specifications. The plans and specifications
22 shall not be reviewed by the Department of Education. Connecticut
23 Innovations, Inc. shall certify to the Department of Education that all
24 alternative energy projects were installed according to industry
25 standards and applicable building and safety.

Statement of Purpose:

To allow Shelton Upper Elementary School to utilize their state school construction grant for alternative energy.